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**Remarks**

In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 6, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect Species 2 to be prosecuted by way of the present application. That is, Applicants elect claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-23, 25-40, and 42-55 for prosecution in the present application.

This election is made **without traverse**. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application.

Applicants have made a good faith effort to responsively reply to this rejection. However, it appears that Species 4 is a sub-species of Species 2. As such, Applicants have included claims 3, 4, 20-36, 39, and 40 (which require a stretchable outer layer) in the election as they appear to read on both Species 2 "a liquid permeable outer layer" AND Species 4 "a stretchable liquid permeable outer layer." For example, claim 25 clearly reads on Species 2 and depends from claim 20. Therefore, it stands to reason that claim 20 would also read on the elected species 2.

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